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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOHRU DEN ET AL.) Examiner: K. Quinto
Application No.: 09/895,464) Group Art Unit: 2826
Filed: July 2, 2001)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
STRUCTURE WITH PORES AND :
STRUCTURE WITH PORES) July 24, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

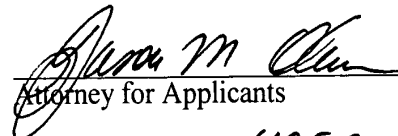
The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing a structure with pores, classified in class 438, subclass 700; and
- Group II: Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a structure with pores, classified in class 257, subclass 414.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-10, without
traverse.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by
telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
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Respectfully submitted,



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